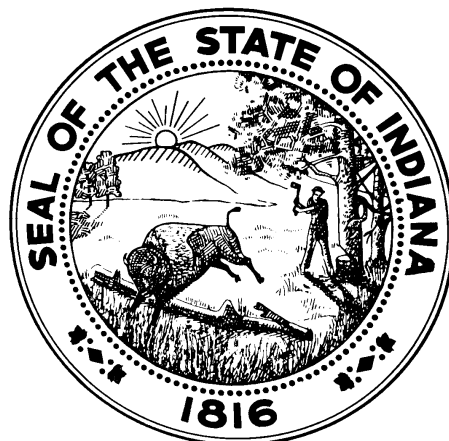


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ALLEN COUNTY SOLID WASTE
MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
A COMPONENT UNIT OF ALLEN COUNTY
ALLEN COUNTY, INDIANA



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SCHEDULE OF OFFICIALS

<u>Office</u>	<u>Official</u>	<u>Term</u>
Director	Anthony G. Burrus	01-01-07 to 12-31-08
Administrative Assistant	Carol A. Strauss	01-01-07 to 12-31-08
President of the Board	Linda K. Bloom	01-01-07 to 12-31-08



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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

TO: THE OFFICIALS OF THE ALLEN COUNTY SOLID WASTE
MANAGEMENT DISTRICT, ALLEN COUNTY, INDIANA

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities of the Allen County Solid Waste Management District (Solid Waste Management District), a component unit of Allen County, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2007, which collectively comprise the Solid Waste Management District's basic financial statements as listed in the Table of Contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Solid Waste Management District's management. Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinions.

As discussed in Note I, the Solid Waste Management District prepares its financial statements on the prescribed basis of accounting that demonstrates compliance with the cash and investment basis and budget laws of the State of Indiana, which is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective cash and investment balances of the governmental activities of the Solid Waste Management District as of December 31, 2007, and the respective cash receipts and cash disbursements during the year then ended on the basis of accounting described in Note I.

The Solid Waste Management District has not presented Management's Discussion and Analysis or Budgetary Comparison Schedules that accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America has determined is necessary to supplement, although not required to be part of, the basic financial statements.

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Solid Waste Management District's basic financial statements. The Schedule of Capital Assets is presented for additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. The Schedule of Capital Assets has not been subjected to the auditing procedures applied by us in the audit of the basic financial statements and, accordingly, we express no opinion on it.

STATE BOARD OF ACCOUNTS

May 1, 2008

ALLEN COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES AND NET ASSETS - CASH AND INVESTMENT BASIS
For The Year Ended December 31, 2007

<u>Functions/Programs</u>	<u>Disbursements</u>	<u>Program Receipts</u>		<u>Net Receipt and Changes in Net Assets</u>
		<u>Charges for Services</u>	<u>Operating Grants and Contributions</u>	
Primary government:				
Governmental activities:				
Sanitation	\$ 1,419,477	\$ 1,392,826	\$ 43,239	\$ 16,588
General receipts:				
Miscellaneous				217
Investment earnings				162,582
Total general receipts				162,799
Change in net assets				179,387
Net assets - beginning				3,486,243
Net assets - ending				\$ 3,665,630
<u>Assets</u>				
Cash and investments				\$ 3,665,630
<u>Net Assets</u>				
Unrestricted				\$ 3,665,630

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

ALLEN COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND FUND BALANCES AND RECEIPTS,
DISBURSEMENTS, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - CASH AND INVESTMENT BASIS
GOVERNMENTAL FUND
For The Year Ended December 31, 2007

	General Fund
Receipts:	
Intergovernmental	\$ 43,239
Charges for services	1,392,826
Miscellaneous	162,799
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Total receipts	1,598,864
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Disbursements:	
Sanitation	1,403,336
Capital outlay	16,141
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Total disbursements	1,419,477
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Excess of receipts over disbursements	179,387
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Cash and investment fund balance - beginning	3,486,243
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Cash and investment fund balance - ending	\$ 3,665,630
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<u>Cash and Investment Assets - December 31</u>	
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Total cash and investment assets - December 31	\$ 3,665,630
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<u>Cash and Investment Fund Balance - December 31</u>	
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Total cash and investment fund balance - December 31	\$ 3,665,630
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The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

ALLEN COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

I. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

A. Reporting Entity

The Solid Waste Management District, a component unit of Allen County, was established under the laws of the State of Indiana on April 2, 1991. The Solid Waste Management District is a special taxing district which operates under a seven member appointed governing board that oversees solid waste removal in Allen County.

These financial statements present the Solid Waste Management District (primary government). There are no significant component units which require inclusion.

The Solid Waste Management District is considered a component unit of Allen County because a financial benefit/burden relationship exists between the Solid Waste Management District and the County.

B. Government-Wide and Fund Financial Statements

Government-Wide Financial Statements

The Statement of Activities and Net Assets – Cash and Investment Basis displays information about the reporting government as a whole. It includes all funds of the reporting entity except for fiduciary funds. The statement distinguishes between governmental and business-type activities. Governmental activities generally are financed through taxes, intergovernmental revenues, and other nonexchange revenues. Business-type activities are financed in whole or in part by fees charged to external parties for goods or services.

Fund Financial Statements

Fund financial statements of the reporting entity are organized into funds, each of which is considered to be a separate accounting entity. Each fund is accounted for by providing a separate set of self-balancing accounts that constitutes its assets, liabilities, fund equity, receipts, and disbursements. Separate financial statements are provided for governmental funds, proprietary funds, and fiduciary funds, even though the latter are excluded from the government-wide financial statements. Major individual governmental funds and major individual enterprise funds are reported as separate columns in the fund financial statements. However, at this time, the Solid Waste Management District has not established any enterprise funds.

The Solid Waste Management District reports the following major governmental fund:

The general fund is the primary operating fund. It accounts for all financial resources of the general government, except those required to be accounted for in another fund.

C. Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting

The government-wide, governmental fund, proprietary fund, and fiduciary fund financial statements are reported using the basis of accounting that demonstrates compliance with the cash and investment basis and budget laws of the State of Indiana, which is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Receipts are recorded when received and disbursements are recorded when paid.

ALLEN COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
(Continued)

The cash and investment basis of accounting differs from accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America in that receipts are recognized when received in cash rather than when earned and disbursements are recognized when paid rather than when a liability is incurred. Investment transactions are not presented on the financial statements.

If the Solid Waste Management District utilized the basis of accounting recognized as generally accepted, the fund financial statements for governmental funds would use the modified accrual basis of accounting, while the fund financial statements for proprietary fund types would use the accrual basis of accounting. All government-wide financials would be presented on the accrual basis of accounting.

As a general rule, the effect of interfund activity has been eliminated from the government-wide financial statements. Exceptions to this general rule are payments-in-lieu of taxes. Elimination of these charges would distort the direct costs and program receipts reported for the various functions concerned.

Proprietary funds are used to account for activities similar to those found in the private sector, where the determination of net income is necessary or useful to sound financial administration. Goods or services from such activities are provided to people outside the government (enterprise funds) or other departments or agencies primarily within the government (internal service funds). The Solid Waste Management District does not have any enterprise funds or internal service funds.

D. Assets and Cash and Investment Balances

1. Cash and Investments

Investments are stated at cost. Any changes in fair value of the investments are reported as interest receipts in the year of the sale of the investment.

2. Capital Assets

Capital assets arising from cash transactions acquired for use in governmental or proprietary fund operations are accounted for as capital outlay disbursements of the fund upon acquisition.

3. Long-Term Debt

Long-term debt arising from cash basis transactions of governmental and proprietary funds is not reported as liabilities in the basic financial statements. The debt proceeds are reported as other financing sources and payment of principal and interest reported as disbursements.

4. Equity Classification

Government-Wide Statements

Equity is classified as net assets and displayed in two components:

- a. Restricted net assets – Consists of net assets with constraints placed on the use either by (1) external groups such as creditors, grantors, contributors, or laws and regulations of other governments, or (2) law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.

ALLEN COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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- b. Unrestricted net assets – All other net assets that do not meet the definition of "restricted."

It is the Solid Waste Management District's policy to first use restricted net assets prior to the use of unrestricted net assets when a disbursement is incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted net assets are available.

Fund Financial Statements

Governmental fund equity is classified as fund balance. Proprietary fund equity is classified the same as in the government-wide statements.

E. Receipts and Disbursements

1. Program Receipts

Amounts reported as program receipts include charges to customers or applicants for goods, services, or privileges provided, and operating grants and contributions, including special assessments. Internally dedicated resources are reported as general receipts rather than as program receipts. Likewise, general receipts include all taxes.

2. Operating Receipts and Disbursements

Operating receipts and disbursements for proprietary funds result from providing services and producing and delivering goods and/or services. They also include all receipts and disbursements not related to capital and related financing, noncapital financing, or investing activities.

F. Internal and Interfund Balances and Activities

In the process of aggregating the financial information for the government-wide Statement of Activities and Net Assets – Cash and Investment Basis, some amounts reported as interfund activity and balances in the fund financial statements have been eliminated or reclassified.

Fund Financial Statements

1. Interfund services – Sales or purchases of goods and services between funds are reported as receipts and disbursements.
2. Interfund reimbursements – Repayments from funds responsible for certain disbursements to the funds that initially paid for them are not reported as reimbursements but as adjustments to disbursements in the respective funds.
3. Interfund transfers – Flow of assets from one fund to another where repayment is not expected is reported as transfers in and out.

Government-Wide Financial Statements

Interfund activity and balances, if any, are eliminated or reclassified in the government-wide financial statements as follows:

ALLEN COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
(Continued)

Internal activities – Amounts reported as interfund transfers in the fund financial statements are eliminated in the government-wide Statement of Activities and Net Assets – Cash and Investment Basis except for the net amount of transfers between governmental and business-type activities, which are reported as Transfers – Internal Activities. The effects of interfund services between funds, if any, are not eliminated in the Statement of Activities and Net Assets – Cash and Investment Basis.

II. Stewardship, Compliance and Accountability

Budgetary Information

Annual budgets are adopted on the cash basis, which is not consistent with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. All annual appropriations lapse at calendar year end.

Prior to the first required publication, the fiscal officer of the Solid Waste Management District submits to the governing board a proposed operating budget for the year commencing the following January 1. Prior to adoption, the budget is advertised and public hearings are conducted by the governing board to obtain taxpayer comments. In September of each year, the governing board, through the passage of a resolution/ordinance, approves the budget for the next year. Copies of the budget resolution/ordinance and the advertisement for funds for which property taxes are levied or highway use taxes are received are sent to the Indiana Department of Local Government Finance. The budget becomes legally enacted after the fiscal officer of the Solid Waste Management District receives approval of the Indiana Department of Local Government Finance.

The Solid Waste Management District's management cannot transfer budgeted appropriations between object classifications of a budget without approval of the governing board. The Indiana Department of Local Government Finance must approve any revisions to the appropriations for any fund or any department of the General Fund. The legal level of budgetary control is by object and department within the fund for the General Fund and by object within the fund for all other budgeted funds.

III. Detailed Notes on All Funds

A. Deposits and Investments

1. Deposits

Custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of a bank failure, the government's deposits may not be returned to it. Indiana Code 5-13-8-1 allows a political subdivision of the State of Indiana to deposit public funds in a financial institution only if the financial institution is a depository eligible to receive state funds and has a principal office or branch that qualifies to receive public funds of the political subdivision. At December 31, 2007, the bank balance held at Wells Fargo in the amount of \$1,927,835 was collateralized with securities held by the pledging financial institution's trust department or agent but not in the depositor-Solid Waste Management District's name. The remaining bank balances were insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or the Public Deposit Insurance Fund, which covers all public funds held in approved depositories.

ALLEN COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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2. Investments

Authorization for investment activity is stated in Indiana Code 5-13. As of December 31, 2007, the Solid Waste Management District had the following investments:

Investment Type	Primary Government Fair Value
U.S. treasuries and securities	\$ 1,927,835

Investment Policies

Indiana Code 5-13-9 authorizes the Solid Waste Management District to invest in securities backed by the full faith and credit of the United States Treasury or fully guaranteed by the United States of America and issued by the United States Treasury, a federal agency, a federal instrumentality, or a federal government sponsored enterprise. Indiana Code also authorizes the Solid Waste Management District to invest in securities fully guaranteed and issued by a federal agency, a federal instrumentality or a federal government sponsored enterprise. These investments are required by statute to have a stated final maturity of not more than two years.

Indiana Code also provides for investment in money market mutual funds that are in the form of securities of, or interest in, an open-end, no-load, management-type investment company or investment trust registered under the provision of the federal Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended. Investments in money market mutual funds may not exceed 50% of the funds held by the Solid Waste Management District and available for investment. The portfolio of an investment company or investment trust used must be limited to direct obligations of the United States of America, obligations issued by a federal agency, a federal instrumentality, or a federal government sponsored enterprise or repurchase agreements fully collateralized by direct obligations of the United States of America or obligations issued by a federal agency, a federal instrumentality, or a federal government sponsored enterprise. The form of securities of, or interest in, an investment company or investment trust must be rated as AAA, or its equivalent by Standard and Poor's Corporation or its successor or Aaa, or its equivalent, by Moody's Investors Service, Inc., or its successor. The form of securities in an investment company or investment trust should have a stated final maturity of one day.

Additionally, the Solid Waste Management District may enter into repurchase agreements with depositories designated by the State Board of Finance as depositories for state deposits involving the Solid Waste Management District's purchase and guaranteed resale of any interest-bearing obligations issued or fully insured or guaranteed by the United States of America, a United States of America government agency, an instrumentality of the United States of America, or a federal government sponsored enterprise. The repurchase agreement is considered to have a stated final maturity of one day. This agreement must be fully collateralized by interest-bearing obligations as determined by their current market value.

ALLEN COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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Investment Custodial Credit Risk

The custodial credit risk for investments is the risk that, in the event of the failure of the counterparty to a transaction, a government will not be able to recover the value of investment or collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. The Solid Waste Management District does not have a formal investment policy for custodial credit risk for investments. At December 31, 2007, the Solid Waste Management District held investments in U.S. Treasury Notes in the amount of \$1,927,835. Of these investments \$1,927,835 were held by the counterparty's trust department or agent but not in the Solid Waste Management District's name.

Interest Rate Risk

Interest rate risk is the risk that changes in interest rates will adversely affect the fair value of an investment. The Solid Waste Management District must follow state statute and limit the stated final maturities of the investments to no more than two years.

Investment Type	Investment Maturities (in Years) 1-2
U.S. treasuries and securities	\$ 1,927,835

IV. Other Information

Risk Management

The Solid Waste Management District is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; job related illnesses or injuries to employees; medical benefits to employees, retirees, and dependents (excluding postemployment benefits); and natural disasters.

The risks of torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; job related illnesses or injuries to employees are covered by commercial insurance from independent third parties. Settled claims from these risks have not exceeded commercial insurance coverage for the past three years. There were no significant reductions in insurance by major category of risk.

Medical benefits to employees, retirees, and dependents (excluding postemployment benefits) are included in the Allen County Health Insurance Program.

ALLEN COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
SCHEDULE OF CAPITAL ASSETS

For The Year Ended December 31, 2007

Capital assets are reported at actual or estimated historical cost based on appraisals or deflated current replacement cost. Contributed or donated assets are reported at estimated fair value at the time received.

There are no general infrastructure assets to report.

<u>Primary Government</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u>
Governmental activities:	
Capital assets, not being depreciated:	
Machinery and equipment	\$ 484,983
Transportation equipment	<u>77,604</u>
Total governmental activities, capital assets not being depreciated	<u>\$ 562,587</u>

ALLEN COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
AUDIT RESULT AND COMMENT

CONDITION OF RECORDS

The following deficiencies relating to the recordkeeping were noted:

1. Two certificates of deposit which matured and were reinvested were not entered in the records.

All financial transactions pertaining to the governmental unit should be recorded in the records of the governmental unit. (Accounting and Uniform Compliance Guidelines Manual for Special Districts, Chapter 10)

2. There were several posting errors. These errors included the breakdown of principal and interest on investments not being recorded in the correct amounts.
3. Receipts and disbursements as stated in the unit's annual report could not be verified to the records.

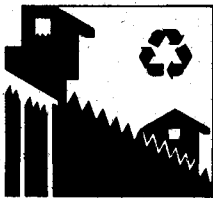
Officials and employees are required to use State Board of Accounts prescribed or approved forms in the manner prescribed. (Accounting and Uniform Compliance Guidelines Manual for Special Districts, Chapter 10)

4. Some corrections, such as voided transactions, were made in the records without retaining recommended audit trails.

Receipt and disbursement corrections or other errors should be corrected by memorandum entry with the issuance of a check and receipt to document the flow of the transactions. (Accounting and Uniform Compliance Guidelines Manual for Special Districts, Chapter 10)

ALLEN COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
EXIT CONFERENCE

The contents of this report were discussed on May 1, 2008, with Anthony G. Burrus, Director; and Carol A. Strauss, Administrative Assistant. The official response has been made a part of this report and may be found on page 15.



ALLEN COUNTY SOLID WASTE DISTRICT

Bruce A. Hartman, CPA, State Examiner
Indiana State Board of Accounts
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May 1, 2008

OFFICIAL RESPONSE

Dear Mr. Hartman:

In accordance the Audit guidelines and rules regarding audits of Indiana political subdivisions I am respectfully submitting this letter as the Allen County Solid Waste District's "Official Response" to the Allen County Solid Waste District's 2007 Audit .

The Allen County Solid District's deficiencies as defined under the Compliance Guidelines. The deficiencies occurred as a result of a change from accrual to cash based accounting principles. Our previous accounting staff member moved the District toward an accrual based accounting. After a change in staffing, and an examination of the monthly reports, we discovered various glitches from the reports generated by QuickBooks and the District's Reports due to conflicting accounting principles.

In working with our State Board of Accounts' Field Office we determined due to magnitude & varied transactions made by this Solid Waste District that the Allen County Solid Waste District was better suited to use cash basis accounting practices as opposed the accrual based accounting practices and have implemented the necessary measures to address the issue.

Respectfully,

Anthony G. Burrus, Director
Allen County Solid Waste Management District